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Title : DEVICE FOR MAINTAINING  
THE POSITION OF A  
ROTATABLY OR  
DISPLACEABLY MOUNTED  
SHAFT

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**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

The present Amendment responds to the Office action mailed August 12, 2009. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time, extending the period for response until December 12, 2009. Charge the fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1) and any other required fee associated with this Amendment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3080.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.